

## 1920 IS YEAR OF BOUNTIFUL CROP YIELDS

Reports Indicate an Increase in  
the World Yield of Wheat,  
Corn, Oats, Rye and  
Cotton.

### LESS BARLEY THIS YEAR

United States, Argentina, Aus-  
tralia, South Africa Have  
Best Harvests, Re-  
ports Show.

A summary of foreign crop prospects received by E. A. Logan, agricultural statistician for Missouri, from the Missouri Cooperative Crop Reporting Service, continues to show favorable prospects for the 1920-21 harvest in the Southern Hemisphere.

Estimates of the quantity of wheat harvested in the twenty-two countries for which statistics are available for 1920 aggregate 2,460,325,000 bushels, compared with 2,245,970,000 last year. These countries produce according to the annual average production for the year 1909-1913, about 67 per cent of the wheat crop of the world.

For twelve countries, normally producing about 40 per cent of the total crop of the world, estimates this year show a production of about 2,019,615,000 bushels, as compared with 1,821,742,000 bushels last year.

The aggregate production of barley in twenty countries is estimated at 570,157,000 bushels. Fifteen of these countries for which estimates are available for 1919 show a production for that year of 531,078,000 bushels, as compared with 489,336,000 bushels this year.

Reports received from eleven countries show an aggregate production of 239,678,000 bushels of rye. Of these countries, ten, usually producing about 12 per cent of the world's total output, produced in 1919, 210,092,000 bushels, as compared with 221,390,000 bushels this year. Reports from the principal rye producing countries of the world, including Germany, Russia, and Austria, are not available.

Data for 80 per cent of the corn crop of the world which is grown in the United States, Argentina, Hungary and Italy, is not available, but for seven countries including the United States and Argentina, and producing about 76 per cent of the world's supply, the returns indicate a production of 3,578,935,000 bushels, as compared with 3,262,000,000 last year.

The United States produces about three-fourths of the world's supply of cotton. Egypt and British India are the only other commercially important countries. The production in the United States for the year 1920, based on indications of September 25, is estimated at 12,121,000 bales, as compared with its final estimate for 1919 of 11,330,000 bales. Unofficial estimates from Egypt place the amount produced in that country for 1920 at 1,575,000 bales, compared with 1,191,000 in 1919. In British India the amount produced during the season 1919-20 is estimated at 4,743,000 bales against 3,529,000 bales during the season 1918-19.

In Argentina recent rains have had a very beneficial effect and the prospect of the coming crop are excellent. Official returns place the wheat area, a 16,062,000 acres compared with 14,977,000 acres last year, while from unofficial sources it is estimated that the yield of wheat will amount to about 224,000,000 bushels. In Australia occasional rain has been reported and the condition of the wheat crop throughout the Commonwealth is favorable. Unofficial estimates place the output of wheat as high as 141,000,000 bushels.

Weather conditions are generally good in the principal wheat producing districts of the Union of South Africa. The estimated production of wheat, oats and barley on August 31 of this year was as follows: Wheat 8,640,000 bushels, Oats 4,408,000 bushels and Barley 1,160,000 bushels.

Comprehensive estimates of the 1920 crops from all countries are not available and for most crops, the proportion of those at hand is not sufficient to indicate what the aggregate result is likely to be. Up to the present time no news has been received from Russia, in ordinary times one of the greatest wheat producing countries of the world.

### HALLSVILLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Garrett of Ashland have returned home after a visit with Mrs. Garrett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Choudler.

Miss Olivia Roberts went to Centralia Monday.

Miss Anna Jones visited Columbia friends last Sunday.

Mrs. G. H. Dwyer was the guest of Mrs. G. W. Hatcher Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Margenthaler went to Mexico Sunday.

Miss Emma Kelly, who has been visiting in Hallsville, returned to Columbia Sunday.

Earl Dwyer attended the Striker's Convention in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Tribble and family, visited in Hallsville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Roberts and daughter, Olivia and Mrs. Florence Weldon returned to Rockport Sunday where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hall.

Mrs. W. R. Vancourt and daughter,

Myrtle, were in Centralia Monday after noon.

Miss Anna Davenport was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Doyle Sunday.

Smith Turner of Mason visited his home Sunday.

Miss Emma Samp of Columbia was the guest of Miss Ruth Mitchell last week-end.

The Turner School will give the play, "Topsy Turvy" Wednesday evening, November 24.

The Ladies Aid will have its annual bazaar and pie supper on December 4, at the Barclay Hotel.

Claud Weir and Sam Jones of Centralia, have opened a blacksmith shop in Hallsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Neinaber and Evans Pemberton were in Rockport Sunday. The Misses Beatrice Cook and Del Pickering returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hall and family, visited relatives in Hallsville Sunday.

The boys of the Hallsville High School helped the men put in one basement floor of the new building Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Linda Davenport was out of school Wednesday on account of illness.

Mrs. Zimst, who has been sick for several days, was given a post-card showing Thanksgiving Day.

D. R. Carpenter went to Surgeon and Centralia Tuesday.

Richard Dinwiddie was in Columbia Wednesday on business.

B. C. Chandler delivered a shipment of sheep in Sturgeon Wednesday morning.

### CENTRALIA NOTES

Mrs. Fannie Fouts died Monday evening after a brief illness of influenza. She came to Centralia recently to care for her son, Ernest, who is seriously ill with influenza.

A banquet was given by the Centralia Commercial Club Tuesday.

Miss Mary Lou Whitesides entertained the Mission Circle Tuesday evening. A musical program was given and the guests were entertained with a taffy pull.

Emmett Davidson and Miss Bertha E. Marshall of Carrollton were married Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. Davidson's parents, who live in South Centralia. A dinner was served after the wedding.

Mrs. Flora Diggs has visiting friend a Carrollton. She spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Kansas City.

Rhodes Ashby, one of the clerks in the Postoffice, visited the high school Wednesday morning.

The Coffey-Miller Company will present the play, "The Rivals" in the high school auditorium Wednesday evening.

Miss Frances Palmer was in Columbia Tuesday on business.

The city officials have notified the high school students that no more colors are to be displayed from the telephone and electric light wires. There is a great deal of competition between the various classes in the tying of colors from different points.

### TODAY'S HOTEL GUESTS

The following guests were registered at the Daniel Boone Tavern yesterday: Mrs. S. Knoles, B. H. Montgomery, V. A. Whiton, Mrs. Harry Honsell, Mrs. Jay Cole, Miss Alice Carter, J. P. Stan, L. S. White, B. L. Griffith, W. H. Barker, William Watson, H. H. Hadden, V. R. Sharp, A. D. Moore, J. A. Cooper, J. Planton, R. P. Peyton, and J. E. G. mize of Kansas City; Charles W. Gibbons, J. W. Valah, Miss S. Francis, W. J. Zimmerman, R. W. Kingdon, W. J. (au Nies, J. E. Short, and C. Herman, A. St. Louis; S. E. Turner, St. Paul; Eugene Wilkinson, Miami, Okla.; W. G. Fulton, Lawrence, Kan.; A. B. Reinhardt, New York City; Albert C. Spratt, M. Burnet, S. Litzman, Ben Berg, and A. P. Hanger, of St. Joseph; Miss Edith Brown, Miss J. Martin, and L. M. Brown, Keytesville; L. T. Child, Richmond; Harry T. Clark, Memphis; A. G. Dealar, Independence; M. R. Sharp, M. L. Dick, B. A. Moore and R. L. Garmen, Keweenaw; M. L. Horner and Fern J. Miller, G. Wilson, Paul Henderson and Harro Moore, Sedalia; C. R. Hanson, Seattle; Wash. H. B. Hall and W. S. Humphrey, Osceola; A. S. Craig, Wichita, Kan.; W. F. Maring, Garrettsville; J. M. Lillian, and Paul W. White, Tulsa, Okla.; Paul B. Brown, Pittsburg, Kan.; C. W. Wilson, St. Charles, and W. Terrie, Sedalia.

Guests registered at the Hotel Athens yesterday were: H. V. Geiger, Rich Hill; C. Kinbrough, Moberly; C. E. Wrayney, E. Lacey and A. M. Bark, Tulsa, Okla.; Chester Smith, Moberly; W. L. Talbott, Kansas City; Miss Edith Brown and J. L. Martin, Keytesville; May Thurman, Fayette; J. A. Duggs and T. A. Duggs, Arhola and Frank L. Kirtles, St. Joseph.

Four Admitted to Hospital.

The following students were admitted to Parker Memorial Hospital yesterday: Elizabeth Child, Richard Conklin, and Martha V. McLendon. John H. Bradley was also admitted. Mrs. Mary E. Hamilton was discharged.

## Marshal Foch Is Considered World's Military Adviser

By Henry Wood

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

PARIS, Nov. 26.—Marshal Foch, who two years ago, November 11 received the surrender of the German armies at Reims, in Compiègne Forest, today holds the theoretically imposing position of military adviser of the world.

His official title is "president of the Interallied Military Commission of Versailles." This body is a continuation of the old Supreme Command of the war. Its function is to act as general clearing-house for all military affairs touching the former Allies. It includes representatives from all the former belligerents except the United States and the Central powers, and holds frequent meetings in Paris.

Behind the little blue sign "Etat-Major le Marshal Foch," at 31 Boulevard de Courcelles, the conqueror of Germany sits at his office desk every morning from 10 until noon and every afternoon from 2:30 until 5. His aides report he is busy most of the time—reading telegrams from military attaches of Allied nations, a various parts of the world, conferring with military representatives of various powers, preparing reports for the Council of Ambassadors when military counsel

is needed, giving advice to some of the younger Allies now carrying on little wars of their own, etc.

From time to time he quits Paris to accompany the premier of France as general military adviser at one of the many conferences of prime ministers which have been one of the new features of European diplomacy since the war.

He generally travels in the same railway coach in which he was living when he received the German surrender, Nov. 11, 1918. This coach is always at his personal disposal, whether for official or unofficial trips. Sometimes his wife accompanies him—on the unofficial journeys.

Foch's relation to the French army is the same as it was during the latter part of the war. Being head of the interallied military staff he is barred from active command in any of the national armies, but free to give advice whenever required.

In addition to his professional duties, Marshal Foch has a secondary but rather time-consuming "honorarium" role which frequently calls him away from his family hearth to speak at Interallied or French memorial services, international dinners, coronation feasts and the like.

### PRICES ON THE DECLINE

Merchants Here Discuss Probable Costs for Next Spring.

According to Columbia merchants there is starting throughout the country a downward trend in prices. In some instances, as in meats and motor cars, the decline has already begun. There has been also a reduction in clothing.

Men's suits, according to clothing in Columbia, will cost about 30 per cent less next spring than they were in the spring of 1920. At present many of the houses handling suits on a large scale have already reduced their prices, and there will be no appreciable reduction over the present prices next spring in their case. An average suit will cost between \$30 and \$50 next spring, one local dealer said. This does not mean, however, that there will not be both higher and lower priced suits. It is what the great bulk of the sales will be.

On shoes the reduction will be about 20 per cent. The shoe market will not drop in the ratio of the suits because of the difference in handling these stocks and the relatively slow movement of these stocks.

In the motor car and automobile accessories field, the decrease has already begun. No reduction of importance are anticipated in the spring. The average of the drop in prices on motor cars is about 25 per cent. But motor cars are comparatively high. The decrease is more recently by mass manufacturers of motor cars does not cover the increase which has been made since 1917. The average increase during the war amounts to nearly 65 per cent, some cars practically doubling in price in the time between 1917 and the spring of 1920. The decrease announced by many concerns recently does not average over 21 per cent, giving a net increase since 1917 on motor cars of about 55 per cent.

The automobile accessory and tire decrease is about 15 per cent on the average. This has already gone into effect in many cases, and the drop between now and spring will be comparative small. The housewife will be glad to learn that local dealers expect foodstuffs to drop between 20 and 25 per cent by next spring. Meats will be included in his reduction. In is doubtful, however, whether canned goods can be said to go down, on account of the labor and material incidental to their production.

In the department stores the reduction will be somewhat comparative to that in the clothing stores. The greatest reduction in goods will be on cotton. Wool will not be reduced to any great extent, but the average on materials purchased in the department stores will decrease.

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More than three hundred young people, and old, filled the auditorium of the Christian Church, uniting in the service of praise and thanks. Music, which typified the spirit of Thanksgiving added to the program. An anthem, "Praise the Lord" was sung by the Presbyterian quartet.

A Thanksgiving offering was taken for the Near East Relief fund.

### Boys Make Chairs for French.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—For many months the little city of Cologne in the Alsace region of France, possessed but a single chair which was the property of the mayor. It was officially known as "The Chair" until the Junior Red Cross of America sent to that city a great casket loaded with chairs and tables that had been made by the boys of America in their manual training schools.

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